

pay for completely unnecessary flood insurance for a flood they will never see. It's a classic example of a concept which looks good on a white board in some Washington office but that has unintended negative consequences in the real world.

While H.R. 1309 helps to alleviate some of these issues, we must get to the heart of the matter. I believe Mr. WALBERG's amendment to H.R. 1390 was an excellent step towards doing so and I was very pleased to lend my support to it.

The Walberg amendment placed a moratorium on new updated maps until a Technical Mapping Advisory Council submits new mapping standards to FEMA and Congress, which allows for map revision and updates with local input. I also supported Mr. MCGOVERN's amendment to gain reimbursement for communities when they rightfully challenge FEMA on its mapping errors.

I am determined and will continue working for a long-term solution to the root of the problem, which is that these maps simply don't accurately reflect actual flood risks. The proposed maps certainly don't accurately reflect the flood risks, or lack thereof, in my district.

HONORING LOGAN CHEVALIER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Logan Chevalier. Logan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Logan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Logan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Logan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Logan Chevalier for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUAD INC.

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of the Pequannock Township First Aid and Rescue Squad located in Morris County, New Jersey as they celebrate the organization's 60th anniversary.

Founded in 1951, the original members of the squad were concerned with providing ambulance services to the people of Pequannock. The squad was established as a

not-for-profit corporation and was built upon the commitment of selfless volunteers who have dedicated countless hours to training and protecting their community. Their membership has grown over the years, and with an ever expanding community, the time came for the squad's headquarters to grow as well.

With only a basic four walled building to house their two ambulances, members had to remove the vehicles in order to hold meetings. In 1968, they expanded the building to include a meeting room, kitchen and bathrooms. A second expansion came in 2002, with the addition of a new garage and second story. With a final renovation of the original structure in 2008, the squad was now equipped to better train their members and prepare them for aiding the community.

In addition to handling the many emergency calls, the squad also provides standby coverage at various sporting events and fundraisers, and works with other township organizations in educating the public through CPR/First Aid training and an anti-drunk driving program.

It is important to honor the select few in our communities who give of their time to help others. The past and present members of the Pequannock Township First Aid and Rescue Squad have provided an irreplaceable service to their community; one that I am sure will continue to grow for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Pequannock Township First Aid and Rescue Squad on the celebration of their 60th anniversary.

HONORING MATTHEW APPLEBURY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Applebury. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Matthew has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Applebury for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE MOORE FAMILY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an exemplary Colorado family: Nelson

and Cruz Moore and their children, Rachel and Jacob. I would like to express my gratitude to the Moore family for their service to the State of Colorado. They have taken upon themselves to care for and preserve a culturally and historically significant Jewish gravesite in Cotopaxi, Colorado.

Cotopaxi, Colorado is the site of the unsuccessful Jewish agricultural resettlement effort of 1882–1884. It was the first Jewish American agricultural colony sponsored as part of the American Jewish aid movement through the Hebrew Emigrant Aide Society. The Jewish settlers endured difficult circumstances as they sought to establish themselves as farmers in Cotopaxi. Despite assistance from the local Christian community, the Jewish agricultural community still failed due to the harsh Colorado winters, unsuitable terrain, and the lack of promised housing and provisions by their local sponsor. Today, all that is left of the colony is the small graveyard of three Jewish children that lost their lives during the first winter of the attempted settlement. A historic marker has been erected by the Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation telling the story of the colony, helping preserve its memory, and highlighting the friendship of the two groups, united as Americans.

At the Cotopaxi grave site, Moore cleared the overgrown grasses and stabilized the area. He placed decorative stones around the three Jewish graves taken from a local silver mine that some of the Jewish men worked in. He also created and arranged the stones in the shape of the Star of David in the middle of the three graves. The Moore family is continuing their Christian friendship for the Jewish people, even though it has been 130 years since the Jewish settlers first arrived in Cotopaxi. The memory of these immigrants is honored and carried on through the Moore family's efforts to preserve the history of Colorado and America.

I am honored to acknowledge and to thank them publicly for their exemplary dedication and Christian friendship with the Jewish people.

HONORING MATTHEW DREILING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Dreiling. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Matthew has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Dreiling for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently cast a "yea" vote on rollcall No. 537, as part of the consideration of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill. I would like to change my vote on the amendment to "nay."

When I cast my vote, I was under the impression that this amendment was a measure solely designed to reduce the federal deficit. However, after casting my vote I learned that this deceptive policy amendment specifically zeroes out money for climate change projects within the Corps' Operations and Maintenance Program. I oppose this amendment as I believe that the Corps and the entire federal government need to work quickly to reduce carbon emissions and to adapt infrastructure so it is capable of withstanding the impacts of climate change. I also oppose the amendment because I believe that sneaking deceptive policy riders into appropriations legislation is not the proper way to create policy and govern this great nation.

I have the privilege of representing Memphis, Tennessee, which was inundated this year with historic floods. There is no doubt in my mind that these floods were exacerbated by climate change which caused record snowfalls and rainfalls across the Midwest that resulted in the record flooding. As bad as these floods were, the impacts would have been magnitudes worse had it not been for the Army Corps of Engineers' tremendous work to control the flood. I strongly support the Army Corps and appreciate their efforts to safeguard the American people and economy.

HONORING SETH BARTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Seth Barton. Seth is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Seth has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Seth has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Seth has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Seth Barton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN TRIBUTE OF MS. KATHLEEN LEDWIDGE AND MR. WALTER JOHNSEN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations to Ms. Kathleen Ledwidge and Mr. Walter Johnsen, who brought home the silver medals last Thursday from the Special Olympics World Games in Greece. Connecticut's Second District is honored to recognize the extraordinary sailors, Kathleen and Walter, who hail from Mystic and Stonington, respectively.

The very first time Walter and Kathleen sailed together was at the Special Olympic Games in Athens this year. Walter, who is only 15 years old, was partnered with Kathleen and they placed second, only points behind a team from Austria. While this may have been their first opportunity to sail together, these two have become lifelong friends who will sail the waters of the world for years to come.

Spike Lobdell, President of the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club Sailing Club, said that every Tuesday afternoon, Walter, Kathy, and many other athletes attend training where their lessons not only improve their sailing skills but also their lives. He said that their goal is to teach life skills and that beyond their silver medals in the top bracket, "Kathy and Walter are even more impressive off the water."

As we know, the Special Olympics began its remarkable tradition more than forty years ago when founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver recited the oath that is still said today: "Let me win, but if I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt." Since those sacred words were first spoken, 3.1 million athletes from 185 countries have participated in the Games, including the 12,000 who participated in Greece this year.

It is inspiring to witness such talent from individuals in Connecticut. It takes significant courage to represent your State and your country and I would like to commend them and their fellow athletes for their bravery. The Special Olympics will always serve as a reminder of the importance of giving everyone a chance to be themselves in a world where it is sometimes difficult to do so.

As President Barack Obama recently said, the "Special Olympics, as a champion for people with intellectual disabilities, teaches our nation—and our world—that no physical or mental barrier can restrain the power of the human spirit." We have seen that spirit in the accomplishments of these two sailors. I ask that my colleagues join me in offering our sincerest congratulations to our brave and talented athletes, Ms. Kathleen Ledwidge and Mr. Walter Johnsen.

HONORING SPENCER HARTLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Spencer Hartley. Spencer is a very special young man who has

exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Spencer has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Spencer has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Spencer has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Spencer Hartley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONDEMNING RECENT VOTER SUPPRESSION LEGISLATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on May 19, Florida Governor Rick Scott signed into law an egregious Republican bill attacking from all angles one of the most fundamental rights of our democracy: the right to vote.

The transgressions contained in this bill are not minor inconveniences but elements of a systematic attack against the voting rights of minorities both in Florida and across the country.

In fact, since the adoption of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, the Department of Justice has overturned a total of 428 separate laws across the country for unconstitutionally infringing on the voting rights of minorities. Governor Scott's law needs to be number 429.

The bill that Governor Scott and Florida Republicans have forced into law is nothing more than a backdoor poll tax. It limits access to the polls for minorities, seniors, and college students. It reduces the number of early voting days and imposes new restrictive regulations on voter registration groups.

With this bill, Governor Scott and the Republicans have sold out the most basic rights of Florida's voters in a brazen act of political gamesmanship reminiscent of Reconstruction.

Fortunately, DOJ is finally now reviewing the law after Republicans refused to submit their bill for preclearance. A number of groups, including the League of Women Voters and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), sent a letter to Secretary of State Kurt Browning opposing the law.

The ACLU and Project Vote Smart have also filed a lawsuit under the Voting Rights Act to prevent implementation of these new rules. It is my hope that soon we can end the affront that is this discriminatory law.

We cannot sit idly by and let Governor Scott and his cronies in the Republican-led legislature turn back the clock on 40 years of progress just to create an advantage for themselves on Election Day.

It is the voters of Florida who stand to lose the most from this law, Mr. Speaker.

We have not come this far only to have Republicans maliciously undermine our fundamental rights as Americans. When the rights of Americans are trampled and discarded with nothing more than a shrug, it must not go overlooked.